Setting up of Farm Export Promotion councils

©3004-A. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether II States and all the Union Territories have agreed to set up the Farm Export Promotion Councils;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for other States not agreeing to this proposal;

(c) whether the Central Governaient have decided to increase the critical exports from Rs. 1,450 crores to Rs. 3,532 crores by 1989-90;

(d) what steps are being suggested by the Central Government in this regard; and

(e) the States which have improved their performance after setting up these Councils?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Some of the State Governments have set up Agricultural Exports Promotion Councils.

(b) The requirements for such a Council would vary from state to State depending upon the level of exports and the commodities being exported.

(c) A substantial increase in exports of agricultural commodities and agro-based products is envisaged during the 7th Plan period.

(d) For the promotion of exports of agricultural products, institutional charges like setting up of Agricultural Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and Spices Board are envisaged. In addition, the Stale Governments have been advised to identify exportable commodities and to take steps to generate exportable surplus.

(e) As State-wise export statistics are not maintained it is not possible to establish any direct correlation between setting up of such Councils and the export performance.

Credit Flow into tiny sector

@@3004-B. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the credit flow into the tiny sector; and

(b) if so, how much of the total investment in the small sector has gone to tiny units in the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Reserve Bank of India has reported that a revised data collection system was introduced in June, 1983 which contains the information with respect to only two categories of borrowers under Small Scale Industries sector viz. (i) artisans, cottage and village industries; and (ii) small scale industries. The information relating

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to la)Bt three years outstanding advances of all scheduled commercial banks for these two categories is indicated below:—

(Amount in lak'is)
(Amou:t Rs. crores)

As on last Friday of	Small Scale Industries		Artisans Cottag & Village Industries	
	A/cs.	Amount	A/cs.	Amount
December, 1982	10.5	4464.32	4.4	109.85
December, 1983	12.4	5389.37	6.4	167.23
December, 1984	14.5	6537.18	8.4	241.05

Aluminium pipe Manufacturing Method

@3004. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state: •

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many aluminium pipe manufacturers for use in sprinkler irrigation systems by extrusion method, whereas there is only one aluminium tube manufacturer by welding (ERW) method;

(b) whether it is also a fact that quality of extruded tube, being seamless, is superior to welded aluminium! pipe for purposes of sprinkler irrigation since Indian Standards Institution has framed two specifications; and

(c) if answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, why the Central Government is not issuing licences for manufacture of aluminium pipes by welding method which is much cheaper than extrusion method to eliminate monopoly and encourage healthy competition?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Recently Government have liberalised the licensing policy in respect of aluminium extrusions, rolled products powders and alloys in the secondary sector. A letter of intent has been given to one more unit on 22-11-1985 for manufacture of ERW aluminium pipes.

Packaging Industry

@@30O4. D. SHRI DHULESH WAR MEENA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a nodal agency for the development of packaging industry is likely to be set up soon;

(b) if so, what are the broad outlines of the project; and

(c) the steps being taken to see that the packaging industry grows upto the international standards?

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